THE NEW SECRETARY

WALTER WELLMAN DESCRIBES MR. BLAINE'S SUCCESSOR.

The Man from Pike County, Ind., Is the Most Experienced Diplomat in the United States-He Has a Pleasant Home and an Accomplished Wife.

[Special Correspondence.]

WASHINGTON, July 7 .- Our new secretary of state is a man worth writing about, I know him well, his weak points as well as his strong ones, and I find very little in him that is not thoroughly admirable. Colonel John W. Foster is about the first secretary of state we have ever had—certainly the first in modern times-who was promoted to the high post as a reward of professional excellence; for Colonel Foster is among the very few professional diplomats this country has possessed in the last half century. Diplomacy, international law and negotiation, with all that these terms imply—and it is very much—have for twenty years been as much his profession as the law or



In America there has been little incentive to the practice of such a profession. Our diplomatic agents are selected for political reasons, and, expecting to be displaced with the first change of administration, take their missions as a sort of holiday. They have, as a rule, had but little training for the work, and after getting into it are more concerned about having a good time than for mastery of the trade or for fitting themselves for higher and more important duties in the same line. Not so with Mr. Foster. Having at the outset a natural aptitude for diplomacy, in tact, manner and temperament, at the first opportunity, which was when General Grant sent him as minister to Mexico, he took up the work as if he expected to remain in it all his days. And he has remained in it from that hour to this, and has become so proficient in it that he is easily the first of American diplomats whose services will always be in demand, no matter whether Republicans or Democrats control the administra-

The rise of a man like this, through studiousness, application, development of usefulness and genuine ability to the highest place in the American cabinet is an event noteworthy and encouraging. If the time is coming when a man may win such promotion through merit and not through political favor, possibly we shall have in this country some day what they have long had in Europe, a his secretary of state-Mr. Foster bore distinct and growing school of diplomacy. In the Old World diplomatic representatives are trained as men are here trained to the law. They must first go out as under secretaries, and as a rule promotion is anything but rapid, and comes only after long service, perhaps in half a dozen foreign capitals. When the secretary becomes charge d'affaires, and finally minister, the chances are he knows his business-is familiar with every trick of the trade and has become such a thorough master of the forms and usages of international intercourse, as well as of the written and unwritten law which underlies it, that he may be considered a master of his profession.

The thirty-first secretary of state was born in Pike county, Ind., that county which has long been the butt of the rude wit of the west as a region that can produce nothing but hooppoles and malaria. Colonel Foster comes of English and American stock, his father having come to this country from Englan ! just after the beginning of the century. Foster, Sr., settled in Pike county and married an Indiana girl. He was a farmer, and a very successful one. He was able to send his sons away to college, and thus John Watson Foster went first to Bloomington, Ills., and afterward to Harvard law school. It was at the first college, when he was but a lad of sixteen, that he met a little lass of ten who was destined to have an important influence upon his life.

Between the lad and the girl an affection sprangup, and after the former had gone away to Harvard, studied law for form. Of polished and dignified mana time at Cincinnati and begun its practice at Evansville, whither his father had removed from Pike county, he made Miss McPherson, now a grown Foster has found it necessary to make a woman, his bride.

Shortly after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Foster the war broke out. Foster was then twenty-four, pale and delicate, a student who was just beginning to practice law. His young wife made him promise he would not go to war, because he was not strong enough to mission and a horse to ride upon. But els, and which is perhaps the most pop Well he served is a matter of history.

He was in many battles, and won pro
Walter Wellman. motion for his valor and usefulness.

Few men looked tess til e a soldier than he, or proved to be better soldiers Such, at least, is the judgment of General Walter Q. Gresham, who was his brigade commander.

Coming out of the war a colonel, Forter settled down at Evansville to practice law. For a time he edited the Evansville Courier, and having attracted the attention of Governor Morton, was made chairman of the Republican state committee. In 1873, through the influence of Gresham, between whom and Foster warm friendship has always existed, and of Governor Morton, Mr. Foster was appointed minister to Mexico by President Grant. This was the beginning of a career which has proved illustrious in its quiet way, and which has reached a culmination during the last ten days in promotion to the secretaryship of state. As I have said, he entered upon the work of his foreign mission with a student's enthusiasm. He was not content simply to hold the office, have a pleasant time socially and to draw the salary. He quickly became the most influential resident minister at the Mexican capital. He studied Spanish law and literature, and was on confidential terms with the leading men

When he left Mexico to go to Russia as minister to St. Petersburg, under Hayes, it was with the regret of all the leading men of the former country. In Russia, though he did not remain there long, he pursued the same methods which had made him both popular and useful in Mexico. He studied the language, the people, the law, the customs. He made invaluable friendships. When he was transferred to Spain, under President Arthur, it was almost like returning home. He knew Spanish matters almost as well as he did those of the United States. He spoke the language fluently and wrote it with such accuracy that he revised all translations passing through his office-it being so difficult to have translations made from English to Spanish or from Spanish to English without changing the delicate shades of meaning which are of such vast importance in international negoti

After spending seven years in Mexico. a year and a half in Russia and two years and a half in Spain, Colonel Foster settled in Washington to practice as an international lawyer. He had the prestige of long service in the diplomatic field, and the additional distinction of being the only man in our diplomatic history to hold three first class missions. Naturally his services were in demand. He became counsellor for Mexico, a special agent for Russia, and the Spanish government was once his client. Several of the south American republics employed him. At one time his income reached the princely sum of \$70,000 a year, and for some time it has not fallen below \$25,000 a year. Yet with all this success he has found time to serve his own country when asked to do so President Arthur sent him to Spain to negotiate a commercial treaty. Secretary Blaine and President Harrison sent him again to Spain and to Cuba to negotiate reciprocity arrangements.

For more than two years he has been virtually the secretary of state, specially representing the president in that department, and at the same time assisting Mr. Blaine, in full possession of the latter's esteem and confidence. The very important work of preparing the Behring sea case has been left almost entirely to him. With Harrison on one side and Blaine on the other-for it is no longer denied that there was at times much friction between the president and peculiar and delicate relations to both and to the public service. That he was able to meet all phases of the situation and to do admirable work while at the same time retaining the confidence of both chiefs is evidence enough of his tact and skill.



It is easy to see why he has been so successful. His character is that of straightforwardness, simplicity, frankness mixed with admirable caution. It is refreshing to know a successful diplomat who does not believe that the first principle of diplomacy is lying. When Foster can't state the truth he maintains silence. He has none of the average diplomat's love for mystification, for pomp and ceremony. He has no sympathy with snobbishness in any ner, he is informal and simple. He is a

delightful talker and a polished writer. To become secretary of state Colonel great financial sacrifice, possibly as much as \$40,000 a year, for of course it would be impossible for him to be at the head of the state department and at the same time accept fees from foreign cli-

ents. No wonder he hesitated. Mr. and Mrs. Foster live in an old fashioned but elegant house, which is walk in the infantry, and there seemed filled with art treasures from all the to be no chance to get an officer's com- countries they have visited in their travwhile Mrs. Foster was away visiting her ular house in town among all classes. father-in-law, stardy old Judge Foster, from the young congressmen and then whose patriotism the people of Indiana wives to the titled members of the corps will never forget, secured from Gov- diplomatic. Mrs. Foster is accomplish ernor Morton an appointment as major ed. tactful, winning. Though a grand for the young lawyer, and away he mother, she is young of face and youth went to the war upon a horse. How ful in heart. An admirable pair of well he served is a matter of history. Americans are the new secretary of

No More Lawyers in His.

"No, sir," said the justice, "I won't have any more lawyers in my court. Hereafter every man must plead his own case.'

"What's the matter now?" "Well, you see they had one of my nig-gers up for hog stealing. I was judge and we had three lawyers ar i jury. Well, sir, would you believe it? Them lawyers got the jury so mixed up that they brought in a verdict that I had stole the hog, an let the nigger go. Of course I pardoned myself right off, fined the jury for contempt, whipped the lawyers and lynched the nigger. But I don't want no more lawyers in my court-not much!"-At-

Gratifying Him.





Sitter-Certainly.-From the German.

The Hypothetic Moonlighter. They were crooning under the great oak

tree with the moonlight shimmering through the leaves. "If I should tell you I loved you, Ethel, what would you say?" he whispered ten-

don't know, Harry," she murmured. "If I should say you were more to me than all the world—what?"

closer to him notwithstanding there was unoccupied space between them. "If I should ask you to be my wife. Ethel-what?"

but she thwarted him.

Her conduct vexed him. Was the girl deceiving him? Or was he deceiving him self?
"What do you know, Ethel?" he asked

in a tone of sarcastic doubt. The girl rose from the rustic bench on

which she had been sitting.
"I know this much, Mr. Montmorenci,'
she said forcibly, "that no young man on a moonlight night is going to fool me by tentative statements preceded by palpable ifs, and implying hypotheses capable of backslams and crawfishing. I'm in it to stay, if you are, but we go in together.

with a more radiant effulgence, and Mr. wit: All of lot two (2) and the west one balf Montmorenci saw he had the wrong pig by the ear, or words to that effect.-Detroit Free Press.

They All Thought.

All the boarders were sitting out on the porch last evening fanning themselves and formulating plans of campaign against the

"I am just dying of thirst," exclaimed little Miss Caligraph, with a significant day of June, 1892, Charles H. Foxworthy, jusglance at Mr. Silkenlace, who is generally believed to be sweet on her. believed to be sweet on her.

"So am I, and not a chip of ice in the house," groaned Miss Cashe, turning her pleading eyes to Mr. Bukieper.

anything further than that this was pair pants and vest, one spy glass, under-"really quite too awful" and it began to wear, books and sundry articles has been at look as if some one would have to force the issue when Jack Ticker cordially invited the ladies over to the drug store. "What! Not on the Sabbath I hope,"

exclaimed Miss Arthmeticque, frigidly, And when Silkenlace and Bukieper echoed the pious look and exclaimed "That's what I-I thought," Miss Arithmetique didn't understand that they were

question on the company: "Why is Mr. Gale blind?" And the answer is as follows: "A gale is a wind; a wind is a zephyr; zephyr is yarn; yarn is a tale; a tail is an attachment; an attachment is an affection; affection is love, and love is blind."-New York Tribune.

"Don't you think this suit is more be coming than my last?" he asked. "I don't know," she answered drearily. "It would please me better, George, if you rould always wear black.

"And why." he asked tenderly, bending wer her to catch the love light in her eyes. "Because," she replied with a far away look in her great hazel orbs, "I don't get so tired looking at black."- Clothier and

The Age of Enterprise. "I'm goin ter work." said the tramp.

"Go 'way!" exclaimed his partner. "Yep. Fur a soap house

"Fur a soap house?" "Yep. Great scheme. I'm goin to show the people what they're liable to come to if they don't use Gibbin's soap."- Wash

A Free Will Offering.

Dashaway Seems to me, uncle, that's a pretty nice suit of clothes you are wearing. Uncle Ebony-Yes, sah. Dat suit ob clothes was guy ter me by de wife of de ge man dat stood behin my mule.-Life.

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"I don't know, Harry;" and she came no closer to him notwithstanding there was inoccupied space between them.

"If I should ask you to be my wife, Ethel—what?"

He attempted to take her hand in his but she thwarted him.

"I don't know, Harry," she answered as before.

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A. C. ZIEMER, City pass, and ticket agt

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued by the clerk of the district court of the Second judicial district of Ne-braska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein The State National Bank is plaintiff, and Theodore F. Barnes, et al , are defendants. I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 12th day of July, A. D. 1892, at the east door of the court house in city of Lincoln, Lancus-ter county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public At that moment the moon shone out auction the following described real estate to (w12) of lot one (1) of block four (4) of Me-Murtry's addition to Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

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Plaintiff,

by Holmes, Cornish & Lamb, its attorneys. Lincoln, Nebraska, June 19th, 1892.

That's what 1—I thought," Miss Arithmetique didn't understand that they were her friends for life.—Detroit Tribune.

Counting the Enemy.

In the old days of impetuous warfare caution was not regarded as so much a virtue on the part of a military commander as it is at present.

In a battic between French and Austrians, in which Marshal Bugeaud commanded the French forces, an officer of the staff said to the marshal:

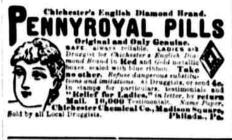
"The enemy are advancing. Shall I send a party to reconnoiter and see how numerous they are?"

"No," said Bugeaud, "we'll count 'em after we've beaten 'em."—Youth's Companion.

A Compound Conundrum.

This "compound Conundrum.

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